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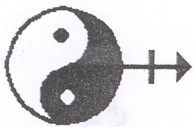
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&
BISEXUAL....
Have you
ever thought
of the
problems
they face?
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Wayne is away until May - BUT- Events are still on and A.B.N. is still very much in full swing, so Please try to help out by attending as many events as possible and help to support us that are left to look after the fort until Wayne gets back. Thank you.

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**In this issue:- Editorial Comment. National & International News & Stories.
All sorts of goodies that we have been able to get our
hands on while Wayne is away.**

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & PRINCIPLES

National BIWAYS is produced by the Australian Bisexual Network to inform its audience about social, political and personal issues relevant to bisexuality and bisexual people, to provide a forum for exchanging opinions and sharing experiences, to link up with and support geographically or socially isolated bisexual people, to foster the Bisexual Movement in Australia and to help build a diverse multicultural community of bisexual and bi-friendly people and groups in Australia and elsewhere.

ABN realises that bisexuality is inextricably linked to other identities (gender, race, class, etc). Our intention is that *National BIWAYS* will represent a broad spectrum of bisexual voices and images. We are committed to taking an active role in building a multicultural bisexual community free of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Through self-examination and through the content of this news magazine, we will endeavour to challenge our own racism, classism, sexism (and our own biphobia) as well as that of others. We will work to create a supportive bisexual community and to promote equality and understanding for bisexual people in both the heterosexual and the lesbian/gay communities. We regard ourselves as part of a larger sexual minority (queer) community, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities and consider the fight for lesbian and gay rights to be our own. We advocate the recognition, inclusion and involvement of bisexual people in existing gay and lesbian and transgender communities, in lesbian and gay politics, in community development and consultations, in sexual health and HIV/AIDS issues, policy, research and education. ABN does not support the promotion of pedophilia or organisations that promote it.

We are sex-positive, recognising that we live under increasing sexual oppression. We support sex education for its own sake. We advocate the distribution of information and resources to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, STD's and unwanted pregnancies. We support the rights of people with HIV/AIDS to be free of discrimination, to have access to information, housing and quality medical care and treatments.

We seek to expand, not constrain, the definitions of bisexual and we respect the right of individuals to define her/his own self-definition, identity and type of relationship(s), free from any social, political, religious or economic coercion. We support healthy relationships between consenting adults. We acknowledge the rights of partners, particularly female partners of bisexual men, to quality non-judgemental counselling and health services if needed, to greater understanding by all communities and to honesty in their relationship.

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The Australian Bisexual Network is a full member of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) and is host group for ILGA's Bisexual Information Pool, providing information on Bisexuality to individuals and groups worldwide.

Editorial:- Well Wayne is away overseas and A.B.N. is in the capable hands of the Brisbane members.....

We, here, would like to apologise if you didn't receive the colour edition of our last *Biways* and hope that you will forgive us. As you know we are not funded and the colour ink costs quite a bit when there are over 250 copies of the *Biways* to get out. We ran out of colour ink at 156 copies, so those members that didn't get the colour ones, we hope you understand.

Last issue was jam-packed with photos, well this issue is a little different with mainly stories, news and the like.....

For those of you who have been coming along to *Bar Bi*, you will have noticed that there have been many changes at the Rat Hotel where we get together. They have also re-surfaced the car park. There were quite a few new faces at *Bar Bi* on the Easter Saturday and all are welcome back..... It was a good crowd of about 25 people.

Other events, however have been down on attendances.....
HEY! Things are still on even though Wayne is *backpacking around the world* so come on, let's all help keep A.B.N. running at full steam!

Having only just a few days to get information from Wayne before he jetted out of the country, we have found it very difficult to get information from interstate as to what's on and where.... A special thanks goes out to those that have e-mailed or posted their information and dates to us, you have helped us to keep this *Biways* and the Internet Homepages up to date. Apologies go to those who haven't got their event/s publicised, however, at the time of printing this issue of the *National Biways* all relevant details known to us are in it.

The Internet Web pages can be updated as time goes on, although the scripting is a little difficult to follow. If your browser doesn't let you know that the pages have been updated you have Bob's apologies as he is only new to the art of editing web pages. We had to open a new site for all the Mardi Gras pictures as the space we had was getting rather full.

Well All the best and we hope you enjoy our edition of the *National Biways*.
Hugs, ABN members in Brisbane.

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Disabled & Bisexual

One person's point of view, because everybody's different.

I have never before had trouble with my sexuality. I discovered that I was Bi at age 12, just didn't know what it was called then. Because of "life's circumstances" I pushed it aside until I was able to act on it. I met a women in my late teens who helped me discover my sexuality to it's fullest, I wasn't even nervous, we just seemed to "click". Again "life's circumstances" meant that I had to push it aside again until my mid 20's, by now a workaholic. I explored other sides of bisexuality and met a lot of very nice people.

Then it happened, I became disabled, from a work place injury. I had to learn to walk crawl and do everything all over again. I hurt my back about 10 years ago, never thinking I did any permanent damage. I was wrong, I now suffer from Osteoarthritis,

Disc protrusions & Scoliosis. There is a lot of pain but I have learnt how to deal with that without medications. Learning to deal with self image is another thing. I put on a lot of weight at the start as I couldn't exercise from the pain, I was stressed, well you know how it is.....

In everything I've come across I have had to learn it all over again, even down to the basics. They say it takes about 3 years to learn your limitations and how to survive. Well I've learnt a lot in my almost 3 years, so I decided to "get a life". I got a computer and then the Internet. Within 2 days of being on the 'net, a friend from ABN e-mailed me. It frightened me at first, because I was not prepared to deal with those feelings at that point.

I went to a Bar Bi and was terrified. I put myself in the corner, not only because I didn't want to get bumped, but because I was petrified. I met a few nice people, but being in the corner made it difficult to meet everyone. I came home with many thoughts running through my mind, most of which terrified me. I have learned to walk, crawl, even cook again but not this.

I have just come home from my third Bar Bi and still I'm scared. In many communities I am not viewed too positively being in a wheelchair, I am scared of what people think of me in the community, I find that I'm very uncomfortable. I am also scared of "what happens when I am attracted to another woman". I will have to learn all over again how to..... I ache with desires but I'm too scared to do anything about them for fear of upsetting someone. After spending so long in pain, both physically and mentally I am scared of either being hurt or hurting someone else, I know what it feels like.

I know some people are scared to touch or hug me, for fear of hurting me. This I know is just a case of educating people, but it's been such a long hard road that for once I just wish something would fall into place without all of the hard work. I also know that some wonderful people have tried to "get fresh" with me, but due to my fears and anguish I have not seen it, for that, to those people, I am truly sorry.

I look at my wheelchair and think to myself, "there's nothing attractive about it" so I think "why should anyone else be attracted to me".

In time I will look back and think I was just being silly, but for now, I have to work through this and overcome the fears and anguish.

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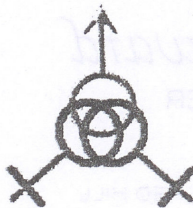
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LARGEST EVER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BISEXUALITY HELD IN BOSTON

5th International Conference on Bisexuality Shattered Expectations with a Record 910 Attendees. Next International Conference to be Hosted in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Boston, Massachusetts. -- April 10, 1998 -- The Bisexual Resource Center announced today that a total of 910 attendees from around the world came together at the 5th International Conference on Bisexuality held April 3-5 at Harvard University. Attendees represented over a dozen countries, including Argentina, United Kingdom, India, Peru, Australia, Mexico, Canada, the Netherlands, Ireland, Germany, France, Japan, Switzerland, South Africa, and Finland. The conference, organized primarily by Boston's Bisexual Resource Center (BRC) and the Harvard Lesbian, Bisexual, and Gay Graduate Students (LBGGS) with support from the Multicultural AIDS Coalition (MAC) and BiNet USA, brought together bisexuals from around the world. Extensive media coverage before, during, and after the conference included local and national television attendance, extensive print press, and bountiful radio coverage including a live broadcast from the conference on Houston's 'After Hours' radio show. The excitement generated by the large international crowd will enhance footage shot throughout the weekend by Director Elaine Holliman for her new movie, "Gone Straight - to Hell". Interest in the conference ran so high that a record 910 attendees arrived, an overflow of 30% over the expected number. "This conference will be seen as a watershed in the world bisexual movement," promised primary conference organizer Wayne Bryant from the Bisexual Resource Center. "We're seeing unprecedented interest in understanding bisexuality in a serious multicultural fashion. The bisexual movement has arrived at a new level of maturity. From here on, we'll begin to see large-scale regional conferences held in conjunction with the international conferences to accommodate the rapidly increasing global demand." Several major United States national gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender advocacy organizations displayed a presence at the conference. The global conference planning workshop set the location of the 6th International Conference on Bisexuality as Rotterdam in the Netherlands in 2000. Sydney, Australia has been chosen for the subsequent International Conference in 2002. To accommodate the dramatically increased interest in hosting large-scale international bisexual conferences, organizers announced that regional conferences, covering major geographical regions, will be planned for the intermediate years. This model is expected to apply in the future. Groups from Vancouver and Rio de Janeiro, which both expressed strong interest in hosting an International Conference are expected to pursue large-scale regional conferences in the Americas in the near term. "We'd like to thank the many dozens of organizers in Boston and worldwide who worked to make the conference a reality, and the Harvard organizations, both gay and straight, that contributed resources to make the conference possible," observed LBGGS spokesperson Kathryn Schnaible. "Having an event of this significance take place at Harvard has been very meaningful to many people." Due to high demand, the Bisexual Resource Center and LBGGS announced plans to prepare and sell a videotape of conference highlights, including the powerful presentations by the keynote speakers. Connecticut State Rep. Evelyn Mantilla, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Kerry Lobel, and prominent bisexual minister and visionary Elias Farajaje-Jones delivered the conference's keynote speeches. "The marked success of the conference's outreach efforts is expected to strengthen the multicultural nature of future bisexual events," noted organizer Lisa Sheehy. "We hope to support our sister communities in Latin America as they hold similar events, and to strengthen the cultural diversity of our own programs." The BRC is formulating plans to increase its outreach efforts and support services over the upcoming year. Those interested in participating in this exciting growth are encouraged to contact brc@biresource.org or call USA 617-424-9595. In conjunction with the end of the conference, the Bisexual Resource Center* announced its new website, <http://www.biresource.org>, and plans to issue an updated copy of its flagship publication, the Bisexual Resource Guide, later this year. The Bisexual Resource Guide lists all known bisexual groups, internet resources, and organizations worldwide. The conference organizers have also announced plans to assemble an extensive post-conference review document to be archived at the Bisexual Resource Center and forwarded to the organizers of future International Conferences. This step will insure that the global knowledge base is preserved for the expected future large-scale bisexual conferences. The conference was not sponsored by Harvard University or the Harvard University Science Center.

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* See Page 9 for details.

The 5th International Conference on Bisexuality (ICB5) at Harvard University, April 1-6, 1998,

In this article I will share my learning's from ICB5. Some of these learning's are new to me, others are newly affirmed. Attendance at ICB5 was around one thousand strong. Global representation came from every continent with the exception of Antarctica. The next global conference is scheduled for the year 2000 in Holland. I'll begin with my personal reasons for going to ICB5.

My reasons for going to ICB5 are many. As a gay bi identified man, I seek to understand and deepen my acceptance of how life manifests itself over the years. As a socio-sexual activist, I seek to answer critical questions around sexual and social politics.

As an academic and professional, I seek to share ideas and be challenged to grow. As a human being, I seek experience of healing in my own life. As a healer, I seek a deeper sense of socio-sexual realities at this particular time in our cultural history.

Bi-identified people are here and are here to stay. Bi-identified people see themselves as transformers, bridges, catalysts, healers, and very much linked to trans communities.

The confluence of one thousand bi-bodies, all together in celebration of human love transcending gender boundaries, caused me to change. People of like and differing mind. People self-determined to name their own realities. People changing their realities at will. Many of whom also experience discrimination within the gay, lesbian and straight cultures.

People open to healing by sharing space, touch, soul. People accepting life stories. And bi/trans people knowing that bi realities are much more than "only a phase" toward something else.

The reality is: queer politics is strengthened by outright celebration of diversity and visi-bi-lity. Inclusion of bi/trans realities is critical to the ongoing health of queer gay and lesbian movements.

Sexuality is a fluid reality. Sex-u-ality changes over time according to circumstance, environment and place. Being fluid and flexible, especially for bi-people, sex-u-ality is a place of living within paradox. Within questions of loving, bi/trans realities are present to the mystery of love transcending and embracing many genders, sexualities and embodied identities.

Identity itself is also fluid. Identity-in-formation is open to change, to pasting up new formations, icons, words, images. Always and forever, we co-create identities in each moment. Identity is context.

Bi-context is open to the creativity of all sexed bodies. Biness challenges, decodes, and opens up new possibilities. We need more than token bi's and token trans. We need more than the token use of bi/trans terms in our naming of organizations; in our everyday/night work, loving and play. I was thrilled to meet many transies who seemed to share a fundamental solidarity with bi's who also cross the boundaries of gender, because that is just what we do! In spite of ossified, codified sexualities, bi/trans bodies defy even standard queer sexual politics. Many feel the political left needs a good shake up to take queer politics to the next stage, and I tend to agree.

People of sexual difference continue to feel misunderstood by therapists and educators. Bi/trans people continue to be overlooked in AIDS education and sexual activism around the world. Bi's report being tired of educating their therapists. Transies report continued discrimination and violence from therapists who still pathologize their process toward self-defined sexual expression.

A prestigious circle of bi-therapists at the ICB5 gave voice to an official global call for a mandatory LGBT sexuality component in every school of counselling. Work toward a www site for bi & bi-friendly therapists is already underway.

The ICB5 allowed me a moment to heal as a gay identified bisexual man. I will continue to celebrate women's bodies and energies in ways that are meaningful, healing and life giving. If my gay brothers can't understand, that's fine, they don't need to understand. But I will defend my right to love whomever I choose to love, and will defend anyone's right to the same. We are at a critical juncture within the global queer movement. I come home with the message that the strength and contribution of the global bi communities, bi political lobbies, and bi/trans peoples are very strong forces whose impact is increasing exponentially. Mainstream and queer politics are being changed as we speak. The global bi-body politic is inspired by an old and still loved vision of creating a more tolerant society. Because of the stonewall generation's commitment, because of the life and death struggles of those who followed that generation, and because of gay and lesbian political commitments of the past and present global bi-movements exist. Now that bi/trans movements exist on a global scale, the momentum of these movements will not be stopped by anyone. Not those on the conservative right, and not those on the left who have grown attached to their places of power. Bi/trans peoples are here and are here to stay.

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by J. Randolph Bowers

Gay Men's Sexual Health Conference

The Gay Men's Sexual Health Conference was held in Brisbane on March the 27th and 30th and was part of a series of such conferences held around the country. These conferences were designed to get feedback for a new report commissioned by the Federal Government. The Brisbane conference was attended by representatives from the Queensland Aids Council, the State Health Department, the Australian Bisexual Network and other interested groups.

So many members of A.B.N. were there that the Convenor remarked that we must receive government funding. We wish! However, for a volunteer organisation, I think we can be proud. Sabina, who used to work in a relevant field, is drafting a writer submission for the report.

The current political climate doesn't make one cheerful. The State National Party have accused the Aids Council of promoting homosexuality and have threatened to withhold funding. The new Federal Government is probably equally wozerish and are all in favour of "state's rights", meaning state's wrongs.

The A.B.N. *should* receive some funding to run safe-sex campaigns. Who *are* better qualified to target men who use beats but who don't identify as gay? If the government wishes to use their money effectively, then this is their path.

Anthony Long

Report From Meeting With Senator Bartlett

Andrew Bartlett, of the Australian Democrats, has just been made a Senator. He is the spokesperson on gay issues for the Democrats. A lobby group has been formed to meet with the Senator monthly, this group includes representatives from gay groups, the gay media and the Australian Bisexual Network.

Senator Bartlett's hero is Nick Cave so he can't be all bad. He was quite friendly and confessed he knew little about queer issues. He offered to let the group help write his press releases on relevant issues. Senator Bartlett has been pushing for the introduction of the Sexuality Bill, which would end discrimination. It's vital that bisexual interests be represented and that we're not just lumped together with gays.

Anthony Long

The trouble I had when I came out

by Sean

I realized I was bisexual about 2 years ago so I thought whom could I turn to. At the time I was studying so I asked student services for help. Well two months later I got the information and there was a phone number I could ring. So I decided to ring the group. I asked to speak to a councilor. And I was put through. I said to the guy on the other side that I was in a small outer suburb town in Victoria and I would like some help. He was very forthcoming I then interrupted him and told him I was Bi-Sexual. Well he went silent I said "Hello??" then he answered me by saying "I am sorry but we do not cater for your kind." I said "What do you mean by your kind". His answer was very clear and concise he said "Our group do not cater for your type of sexuality" he then hung up on me. I was devastated and deeply hurt. I still thought I was the only Bi-Sexual in Victoria. Well about two to three months went by and I was feeling miserable as I had nobody to talk to. So I was looking at Pinkboard on the web. And I decided to e-mail Panther and ask him/her about Bi-Sexual. I got a reply back two days later with the A.B.N. webpage. I was ecstatic as there was a page with people who are like me. I jumped on to the net and accessed the page. There was a number so I called and Wayne answered the phone. Well he helped me through a pretty bad period telling me I was completely normal. I felt much better. So I joined that week and have been a member since. If it weren't for the great volunteers at A.B.N. I would still be sitting around wondering if I was a nutcase.

So as a consequence I have decided to help people who need help. I can be contacted on the following

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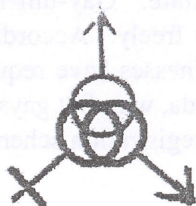
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International News

ILGA IS 20 YEARS OLD

The International Lesbian and Gay Association will celebrate its 20th birthday this summer. "It's a good time to reflect on ... just how far we've come [but] it's also important to remember how far we still have to go before lesbians, gay men, bisexual and transgendered people are given equal recognition in all areas of life," the group said in its quarterly bulletin.

The publication described ILGA's mission as "to recognize the global family of lesbians and gay men, to work on those international laws and bodies that affect our lives, and to use our international networks to support those fighting nationally for their rights." ILGA is a federation of several hundred gay groups and individuals from more than 80 countries. It stages conferences, publishes the bulletin, issues action alerts, and networks Western nations with the growing gay movements of the Third World and former communist nations. Recent ILGA initiatives have increased gay clout within the European Union, the World Health Organization, Amnesty International and other international bodies.

"With e-mail whizzing messages around the world, borders undergoing reconsideration and readjustment around the world, and lesbians and gay men still fighting for their lives -- the world is a much smaller place," the group said. "Those tools that make it smaller also give us the means to publicize the news and start to agitate about the problems."

The group may be reached at <http://ilga@ilga.org> on the Internet.

MR. GAY POLAND CONTEST DELAYED BY BOMB THREAT

March 27 in Warsaw. Police searched the club Tango for two hours as the 400 attendees, including Secretary of State Barbara Labuda and several members of Parliament, waited outside in the cold. No bomb was found. Wienczyslaw Gasz, 26, from Knurów was selected Mr. Gay Poland 1998. He works in a men's clothing store where he was threatened with firing if he opted to go ahead as a contestant.

AFGHANISTAN EXECUTES SODOMITES

In accord with orthodox doctrine, Taliban Islamic authorities in Afghanistan's Herat province bulldozed a wall onto two convicted sodomites, on March 23. Bismellah, 22, and Abdul Sami, 18, had confessed to having gay sex. They died in the rubble. Orthodox Islamic scholars believe homosexuals must be punished by having a wall felled on them or being flung from a hilltop. The report said from the voice of Shari.

ACTIVISTS MEET WITH MEXICO CITY MAYOR

Patria Jimenez and a representative of the U.S.-based Latino Lesbian and Gay Organization met with Mexico City Mayor Cuauhtemoc Cardenas March 24 to begin planning Mexico City's first gay/lesbian/transgendered community center. (A shame Bisexual is not included in the center's title.)

ILGA AND AMNESTY LEADERS MEET

Meeting with Amnesty International Secretary General Pierre Sane March 25 in Barcelona, International Lesbian and Gay Association Secretary General Jordi Petit asked Amnesty for a greater commitment to the human rights of gays and lesbians. At its last International Council Meeting, Amnesty agreed to intensify its work on behalf of people imprisoned because of their homosexuality, to boost its efforts in researching and publicizing such cases, and to organize a network of Amnesty members working on gay issues. But, Petit noted, Amnesty still has not added "sexual orientation" to its mandate -- a necessary step if persons jailed under laws that ban homosexuality are to receive Amnesty's strongest support. "Pierre Sane acknowledged that [this] would be a necessarily sensitive task in countries with a tradition of homophobia and said that it would be a gradual process to achieve full recognition of the rights of gays and lesbians," Petit said after the meeting.

SPANISH CITY TARGETS 'GAY-UNFRIENDLY' BEHAVIOR

The city of Vitoria in Spain's Basque region has erected signs in public places that state: "Gay-unfriendly behaviour is not tolerated here. We encourage gay and lesbian citizens to act completely freely." According to the German newspaper *De Morgen*, the campaign has been well-received and many businesses have requested the signs for their own premises. The signs were the brainchild of Mayor Jose Angel Cuerda, who felt gays were not visible enough in his city, the newspaper said. Three years ago, Vitoria established a registration scheme for gay and lesbian couples.

Fantastic step forward, (only shame is that Bisexual and Transgender is not also written).

FRENCH OFFICIALS FUND X-RATED SAFE-SEX FILMS

France's Health Ministry has spent \$195,000 to help produce five X-rated short films that encourage condom use. The films air on a pay television channel preceding the monthly showing of hard-core sex movies.

AUSTRIAN TRANSSEXUALS CAN MARRY

Austria's Administrative Court has ruled that persons who undergo a sex-change operation can then get married to someone of the opposite sex. The nation has no laws regarding either gender- reassignment surgery or transsexuals.

BANANA SODOMY CASE TO GO TO TRIAL

Zimbabwe's highest court ruled March 26 that former President Canaan Banana will go to trial for allegedly forcing himself sexually on several male aides. Banana, 62, claims innocence on charge of sodomy and indecent assault. "The so-called allegations are a mortuary of pathological lies, a malicious vendetta of vilification and character assassination," he has said.

LONDON -- Reuters reports six gay rights activists climbed into the pulpit on Sunday to disrupt Anglican Church Easter address one of the most important sermons of the Christian calendar - the Archbishop of Canterbury's Easter address. The activists were protesting the Church of England's stand on a number of gay issues. The archbishop has upset gay activists by opposing proposals to bring down the age of consent for gay relations to 16, the legal minimum for heterosexuals. He has also publicly opposed equal rights for gay couples to adopt children.

GLAADALERT April 10, 1998

The GLAADAlert is the weekly activation tool of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

- 1) Sheehan Comes Out in Golf World
- 2) Will A Gay Teacher Be the Object of America's Affection?
- 3) "Militant Lesbians" on Parade?
- 4) Two Articles on Teaching Tolerance
- 5) Gay Issues are Kids' Stuff
- 6) Cut the Life Line
- 7) Tulsa World Says Anti-Gay Teacher Bill Not OK
- 8) GLAADAlert Round-up: "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Don't Work

These 8 topics in full are available to anyone if requested.

THE BISEXUAL RESOURCE CENTER

The Bisexual Resource Centre is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing information and educational resources to bisexual groups around the world. The centre has hosted six regional conferences on bisexuality and three BiFests since 1984 and publishes the Bisexual Resource Guide.

The Bisexual Resource Centre is pleased to announce its new domain name:

biresource.org

The following web sites are now available under this domain:

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Did you hear what happened to the Irish jellyfish?

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The Price Of Sex

Well I'm going to leave out all the things in this that can be traced back to other people. As I don't want them upset in any way. I am a Bisexual male, 39ys old, I have been married twice & I have been in trouble a number of times with the law.. This leads to my story.....

I was at a "beat" one day, my wife was at work, I met what seemed to be a nice young man. I would have put his age at around 19-20ys. He was watching another man, who was further in the bush, playing with himself. I decided to see if he was interested...

I approached him and he didn't know whether to run or stay. He did the latter. We talked for a bit & I asked him if he wanted his cock sucked. I had never sucked a cock before & was quite excited when he said yes. He, nervously half pulled his shorts down to his knees. He had quite a nice looking cock, it was cut & about 6-6 1/2 inches long. I was shaking & so was he however I proceeded to suck his cock. Whilst I was sucking him I was giving my own erection a good rubbing at the same time. He seemed as though he wasn't really enjoying what I was doing to him so I stopped & stood up. I continued to pay attention to his erect monster by masturbating him. I asked him if he was enjoying what I was doing & he said yes. Although he appeared as though he wasn't. Where we were was at a public park and in view of the picnic tables.. I asked him if he wanted to go further into the bush where it was more private. I proceeded to walk deeper into the bush and he followed. The guy that was masturbating himself had gone by this time & I chose the site where he was. I got my penis out & was stroking it. He dropped his shorts & started to masturbate himself. I crouched down & took the whole length of his penis in my mouth. He started talking about school & some thing or another & I asked him how old he was. He said 15. This took a little while to register as I was more concerned in giving him pleasure, but when it did register I stopped immediately.

"I've got a son 15ys old" I told him. I was furious, I gave him a lecture on the morels of going to "beats" & told him that it was not right for him to be there. When he had got his shorts up & composed himself a little bit better I said to him that he should not even be here in the park, he should be at school. I walked back to the car & he sat down on the opposite side of the car park. I said to him "Can I drop you somewhere?" He got up & came over to the passenger side of the car so I opened the door & let him in. I dropped him at a local railway station. Still feeling horny I went back to the park to see if anyone (OF AGE) was there. As I was leaving the park a Police car was pulling in & I had to stop for them. Little did I know that they were after me. I was questioned & I told them the truth about what had happened. I had no reason to lie as I felt that because I stopped I had done no wrong. I was charged & let out on bail. I chased around to find a solicitor who was sympathetic to my predicament. The day of court the solicitor first saw the CHILD (my victim) & being gay thought that he was quite a catch for a cop. My victim looked older than the Police officer that was with him.

I went to jail. This is a very scary place. They put me into protective custody for my own safety. The thing is I had to rub shoulders with "animals" that took nappies off. I went to Reception & Remand and was in with all the "Other Criminals". These were very lonely times, yet I felt no need for sex whatsoever. There was a lot of it going on & offered to me but I was still well & truly shaken from my last episode, the one that got me in here in the first place.

Through the Prison's Ministry I got a few Pen friends who I wrote to on a regular basis. My, now, Wife came & visited me as much as she could. I think that if it hadn't been for the help & support that I got from the "outside" world I would have been in there a lot longer than the 16months that I did.

I was moved to a Prison Farm. Here I had a lot more freedom even though it was still jail. I was able to get visits from friends with more peace & I got a visit from an A.B.N. representative. He is a wonderful man & was able to help me to get back to knowing that there was a life after jail. My wife was a great help & support to me too.

Whilst on the farm I was told that I had to do the S.O.T.P. (Sex Offenders Treatment Program). This course is a "purely voluntary" one although if you are a sex offender in a protection jail you WILL NOT get out till your full time is up. I signed the "contract" to do the course. That is when my mail was censored, all my visitors were checked for any irregular activities & it all went down on my grade, what other people did affected whether I got out on my remissions or had to wait till full time. Sure the Government says that if you keep your nose clean you get your remissions..

With the S.O.T.P. I had to become a "Straight" normal average guy. I could NOT be Bisexual as that is "deviant behaviour" & I had to be a born again Christian. If I didn't then I would fail the S.O.T.P. & have to either do it again or sit out my full time. Well let me tell you, I wanted out! In order to do this successfully I had to write some very nasty, hurtful letters to some of my friends & family. One letter I wrote was to a very lovely dear friend at A.B.N. & it hurt me to write it. I still, even now, haven't forgiven myself for writing that letter. I suppose that is another thing that has prompted me to write this.

I was convincing enough in what I did to be able to become, "With their help", a 'Normal' person because I got my remissions. The S.O.T.P did have some good points, it also left some very deep scars that I am still trying to get over.....

I am now married to a very lovely Bisexual woman & I am still a Bisexual man. I am carrying a lot of scars from jail, both physical & mental however with the continued support of the Australian Bisexual Network & my wife I feel as though those scars are slowly healing.

When I came home from prison I had no interest in sex because they had fucked with my head that much. I am a man that loves sex but the S.O.T.P course affected me that much, that sex was, (& I do say was), not on my list of things to do when I got out.

This having happened to me, I leave the wish and hope that anyone partaking in a sexual act with anyone to be aware of the legal age requirements so that this does not happen to you.

Anonymous.

Bi & Partners Geelong

Bi & Partners Social Club – Geelong - is run by married couple Marci and Darryl. Marci is 29 and bisexual while Darryl is 34 and the straight partner of the union. Together they have found a way for Marci to enjoy her bisexuality without it interfering in their married and family life, and also help bisexuals and their partners in their community.

B.P.S.C.G. was formed in 1997 when Marci and Darryl realized that the only support network for bisexuals in Geelong was for Youth. For over 25's there was nothing much...until now! They also have members from other areas surrounding Geelong.

The Social Club is run as a support and social outlet for bisexual people and their partners (whether bisexual or straight). We get together with others in the same situation and discuss information, ideas, thoughts and experiences, and also meet others in a social, no hassles environment when they go out as a group for dinners, movies and other social occasions. As the Club is relatively new, member numbers are small, but slowly growing as people hear of it through the Internet, advertising and word of mouth.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Bethany Family Services, 1 Gibb Street, North Geelong from 7-9 p.m., with some social events being held on weekends to cater for those who are unable to attend the Tuesday night meetings. Anyone is free to drop in, have a coffee and a chat and get to know others in similar situations.

B.P.S.C.G. can be reached on the Internet at: bpscg@mail.austasia.net or,

visit the homepage at: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Village/5188/>

For the technologically challenged their postal address is:

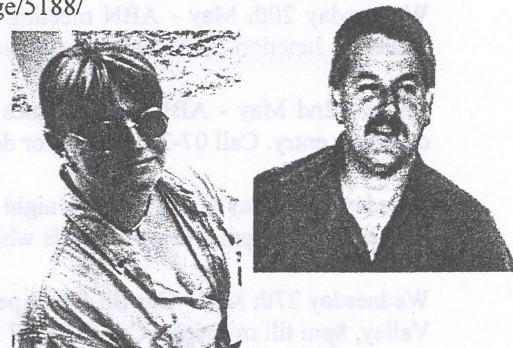
PO Box 388, Drysdale, VIC, 3222; or,

Phone 03 52533103 any time before 9pm and have a chat.

They are always ready to help others and listen,

and if they don't have an answer they will put you

onto someone who does.



EDITORS COMMENT: Darryl and Marci have worked very hard to get the Bi & Partners Social Club of Geelong up and running for people to have somewhere to go. They are a lovely couple and deserve recognition for all of their hard work. Please go along and support them in any way you can.

ABOUT SPONSORING AN OVERSEAS BI FRIEND

Hi fellow Members and friends! Do you realise it is only about \$5-00 (or less) to post over a *National Biways* to our overseas Members? Every two months or so. Not a lot really, but it all adds up for ABN when we have about twenty countries we currently have people wishing our magazine and/or penfriends from Australia. We have up to ten people from some countries like Cuba. ABN has taken on the responsibility of helping Bi people from particularly developing countries as part of our role of host to ILGA's Bisexuality Information Pool.

As you know, ABN is a non-profit organization, unfunded by grants, relying upon donations, volunteers and the \$20.00 or less Membership Fees. Also, the cost of paper, ink, fuel all adds up, and volunteers tend to 'burn out'. How would you like to contribute, in a small, way that would be hugely appreciated?

By sponsoring an Overseas Member, all you would need to do, would be to post off a *National Biways* to them, along with a note about yourself and what is happening in your patch of Oz. Ask them to write about themselves and their country, and bisexuality. We can then publish their stories/photos and ours in *National Biways* to develop a greater sense of support and unity amongst all of us. If anyone can correspond in Spanish or any other language, we would love to hear from you.

Please consider this for a while, and if you would like to be a part of this, please send a note to us via the

P.O. Box, addressed:

Jewel Phoenix

ABN (OS Sponsoring)

P.O. Box 490

Lutwyche Q 4030

P.S. If you are not yet an A.B.N. Member, please join us - we really appreciate any show of support and value new friendships tremendously. And for those of you whose membership is up for renewal, your renewal makes us feel valued as volunteers and encourages us, without Members ABN would not exist. Thank you.

Some of the countries are: Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, Guam, Indonesia, India, Nepal, Turkey, Ukraine, Russia, Malta, Ghana, England, Norway, Cuba, Guatemala, Argentina and Brazil.

BRISBANE SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday 1st May - ABN Video night at Gill and Mick's (Thorndlands), from 7pm, we hope to have a copy of the Mardi Gras video to show before the movie. Call 07-3857 2500 or 0415-497 859 for directions.

Saturday 2nd May - Brisbane Bi Youth meeting at City Botanical Gardens, 2pm - phone Shawn 07-3871 0160 or Chris 0412 378 704 for details of where to meet. BYO munchies, rollerblades, skateboards, bikes.....

Saturday 9th May - Bar Bi, come along and have some fun and meet others. At the Rat Hotel, Cnr Constance and Ann Sts, Fortitude Valley, 8pm till midnight. Call 07-3857 2500 or 0415-497 859 for details.

Tuesday 12th May - BiWomens movie night Toombul. Movie ticket \$5.00. Meet in the foyer between 6 - 6.30pm and we'll decide which movie to see. Call 07-3857 2500 or 0415-497 859 for details.

Friday 15th May - 10am Daytime BiWomen's meeting at The Two Faces of Eve, Cnr Dudley St East and Ipswich Road Annerley Junction. Call 07-3857 2500 or 0415-497 859 for details

Wednesday 20th May - ABN meeting at 7.30pm at The Two Faces of Eve, Cnr Dudley St East and Ipswich Road, Annerley Junction. Entertainment (musicians) provided. Call 07-3857 2500.

Friday 22nd May - ABN Party/Games night at Sabina and Ben's (Albion) from 7.30pm. Please enter thru the back door/rear entry. Call 07-3857 2500 for details.

Tuesday 26th May - ABN movie night at the Logan Hyperdome, Loganholme. Movie ticket \$5.00. Meet in the foyer between 6 - 6.30pm and we'll decide which movie to see. Call 07-3857 2500 or 0415-497 859 for details.

Wednesday 27th May - Bar Bi, for Bi people and their friends/partners, Rat Hotel, Cnr Constance and Ann Sts, Fortitude Valley, 8pm till midnight. Call 07-3857 2500 or 0415-497 859 for details.

Saturday 30th May - **Candle Light Vigil.** Assembling in King George Sqaure Brisbane at 6 - 7pm, then marching across the bridge to the Convention Centre for the Unfolding of The Quilt. Candles available for purchase at King George Square.

Friday 5th June - ABN pizza and games night at Gill and Mick's (Thorndlands), 7pm. Call 07-3857 2500 or 0415-497 859 for details.

Saturday 6th June - Bi Youth Alliance meeting/get together at the Promenade Café, Performing Arts complex, Cnr Melbourne and Stanley Sts, Southbank at 2pm. Meet here then decide where to go... For more details phone Shawn on 07-3871 0160 or Chris on 0412 378 704.

Saturday 13th June - Bar Bi, for Bi people and their friends/partners, Rat Hotel, Cnr Constance and Ann Sts, Fortitude Valley, 8 pm till midnight. Call 07-3857 2500 or 0415-497 859 for details.

Tuesday 16th June - BiWomen meet for coffee and chat, 10am at The Two Faces of Eve, Cnr Dudley St East and Ipswich Road Annerley Junction Call 07-3857 2500 or 0415-497 859 for details.

Saturday 20th June - ABN Winter warmer at Ebony's home (Brisbane South), 7.30pm. Bring a dish of warmed nibbles and/or mulled wine. For more details phone (07) 3857 2500

Tuesday 23rd June - BiWomens Movie Night, \$5.00 movie ticket, meet at Carindale Cinema in the Foyer at 6 - 6.30pm and we'll choose a movie! Call 07-3857 2500 or 0415-497 859 for details.

Wednesday 24th June - Bar Bi, for Bi people and their friends/partners, Rat Hotel, Cnr Constance and Ann Sts, Fortitude Valley, 8pm to midnight. Call 07-3857 2500 or 0415-497 859 for details.

Further planning for meetings has been discussed, but if you would like to make a suggestion or offer your home for a

JOKE:

An elderly man went to the Social Security office to apply and, not having any proof of age, unbuttoned his shirt to reveal numerous gray hairs. The SS worker accepted this as verification of age and he returned home, proudly showing his cheque to his wife. "That's wonderful, dear" she replied. "Now go back and pull down your pants and see if you can get disability!"

SYDNEY SOCIAL EVENTS

Monday - May 4th & 18th from 7.30pm. Sydney Bi Youth Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays at the PRIDE Centre, 26 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills. Contact Sam (female contact) on 015-677 016 or Glenn (male contact) on 0414-664 888 or E-mail Glenn at: sby@queer.org.au. Followed by drinks at the Beresford (under 18's venue is held prior to meetings).

Monday - May 11th from 8.00pm Sydney Bisexual Network Monthly Meeting. SBN has an organised meeting in a space of it's own on the second Monday of every month. 170 King St, Newtown In the space above MACRO Wholefoods. After the meeting there is generally a small group of people that move on to a cafe for a late supper and more chit chat. For more info call (02) 9565 4281 or e-mail us at: sbn@bi.org.

Saturday - May 16th and Sunday - May 17th **TALKfest** is being held at Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour. **TALKfest** is the annual conference for the Cross Campus Sexuality Network of NSW/ACT. It aims to encourage networking, provoke political discussion, formulate campaigns, share information & resources, and skill up. If you would like to present one of these topics or if you would like to present something else please feel free to contact them. Anyone is welcomed to get involved by attending, organising, doing paper presentations, workshops, actions, performances, installations and any other forms of expression. For more information please contact CCSN at: ccsn98@hotmail.com or 041 4631030.

MELBOURNE SOCIAL EVENTS

Melbourne Bi Youth Meet fortnightly from Saturday, the 25th of April (Anzac Day), 4 - 6 PM, at Melbourne University Union House, 2nd Floor, Joe Napolitano Room. Call Catherine for details on (03)95214128(w).

May - 9th, meeting, Adrian will coordinate this discussion on violence in the community against bisexuals. We are hoping to have a gay and lesbian police liaison in to talk as a guest speaker.

May - 23rd meeting, (topic yet to be decided), If you have any ideas about topics for discussion and ideally would like to coordinate the meeting please don't hesitate to contact us.

June - 29th - July - 3rd Queer Collaborations, at the University of Tasmania in Hobart.

ADELAIDE SOCIAL EVENTS

Bisexual Men's Social Nights Edinburgh Castle Pub call (08) 8362 7931 Wednesdays & Saturday mornings 10am to 12 noon.

Candle Light Vigil The AIDS council is having their annual candle light vigil on Sunday 17th May. We will meet at Victoria Square then parade down King William street to the Festival Centre Amphitheatre. People are welcome to walk as individuals or in groups. Please consider coming it is not a depressing night but more a celebration of life itself.

ON THE NET *New Bisexual Web Ring*

I've started a WebRing for Australian Bisexuals, and called it OzBi (no connection with the mailing list of the same name). At present only the homepage is in the ring, but you can add to it by becoming a member, assuming that you're bisexual, Australian (or ex-patriot) and have a webpage. For further information, check out:

<http://www.nettaxi.com/citizens/Seabrook/ozbi.htm>

Cheers,

Laura Anne Seabrook

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<http://www.tgworld.org/oceana/pollychrome/index.html>

<http://www.geocities.com/athens/oracle/8944/>

<http://members.theglobe.com/lauraanne/>

<http://members.tripod.com/~Octobriana/index.htm>

<http://www.nettaxi.com/citizens/Seabrook/>



National Bi Listings

Australian Bisexual Network & its Bisexual Community Information Service

PO Box 490 Lutwyche, Brisbane Queensland Australia 4030

Tel. (07) 3857 2500 (+61-7-3857 2500 from overseas) Mobile: 0416-068 532

1800-653 223 toll free from outside Brisbane (please use only if absolutely necessary).

E-mail: ausbinet@rainbow.net.au Home Page: <http://www.rainbow.net.au/~ausbinet>

Australian Bisexual Youth Alliance (ABYA)

ABYA is the national youth arm of ABN with Bi youth groups in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne which organise regular meetings and social events for young bisexual men and women aged 27 and under and some events for those under 30. The ABYA national youth officers are Maree Porter of Newcastle and Myke Dobber of Hobart. Sabina Nowak of Adelaide was the ABYA youth representative to the International Lesbian and Gay Youth Organisation's Conference on Homophobia and Fascism in Pisa, Italy, July 27 to August 3rd 1997. All national and local officers can be contacted by e-mail and/or telephone. For more details call or e-mail ABN.

Queensland

Australian Bisexual Network (Brisbane)

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7.30pm, at: Two Faces of Eve Café, Cnr. Dudley Street East & Ipswich Road (in Dudley), Annerley Junction, Brisbane (ask at counter for ABN).

Bar Bi at The Rat Hotel, Cnr. Constance & Ann Streets, Fortitude Valley is held on the 2nd Saturday And the 4th Wednesday each month from 8pm to Midnight.

Lunch Time Drop-In is on each Thursday 12Noon to 2pm at the Rainbow Community Centre, 719A Stanley Street, Woolloongabba.

Brisbane Bisexual Women's Group (BiFem)

Meets twice monthly and organises speakers and Social events for bi women and women Questioning their sexuality.

Brisbane Bi Youth (BBY)

Meets on the 1st Saturday each month at Southbank Or City. Call Shawn (07) 3871 0160 or e-mail Chris At chrisrow@rainbow.net.au for location.

Townsville Bi Group

A mixed group for Bi men and women, can be Contacted be calling Julie on 014-971 582.

Tropical Blaze - Cairns

A mixed gender/sexuality group for the people in The Cairns district of far north Queensland. Can be Contacted by calling Illese on (07) 4031 3410 or Shane on (07) 4051 7490.

New South Wales

Sydney Bisexual Network (SBN)

PO Box 281, Broadway, NSW 2007. Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month from 8pm, Upstairs, Macro Wholefoods, 170 King Street, Newton. For information on Sydney Events & meetings call (02) 9565-4281 or check their web site at <http://bi.org/~sbn> or e-mail: sbn@bi.org

Bisexuals Of The Hunter (BOTH)

If you are in the Newcastle or Hunter Region of NSW, you can get more info on B.O.T.H. by writing to Maree Porter, Queer Convenor (NUSA), PO Box 57, Shortland Building, Callaghan NSW 2308 or call Maree on 0411-635 325 after 6pm only.

Sydney Bi Youth (SBY)

PO Box 73 Darlinghurst, NSW 2010. Meetings are at 7.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at the Pride Centre, 26 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills, 2010. SBY can be contacted by e-mailing sby@queer.org.au Or by ringing Glenn on 0414-664 888 or Sam on 015-677 016. Their web site can be found at: <http://www.queer.org.au/~sby/>

Bi & Partners Social Club (Gosford)

Due to some unforeseen problems the only contact we can offer is a mobile phone number:- 0413-975 731. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Women Partners of Bisexual Men Support Project

PO Box 350 Darlinghurst, NSW 2010 Or phone (02) 9206 2026 (business hours).

JOKE:Q: *Why do men snore when they lay on their backs?*

A: *Because their nuts fall over their bunghole and they vaporlock.*

Victoria

Melbourne Bisexual Network (MBN)

This new group has formed recently to fill the void following the disbanding of Bisexual Awareness Melbourne (BAM). They have taken over the old BAM postal box. For info call Andrew on (03) 9576 8471 or e-mail to

andrew.van.der.stock@member.sage-au.org.au

Melbourne Bi Youth (MBY)

Call Catherine on (03) 9521 4128 or e-mail her at catherinel@union.unimelb.edu.au for details on MBY events and location.

Bi & Partners Social Club (Geelong)

For info on this new group for bisexual people and their partners, call Marci on (03) 5253 3103 or e-mail Marci bpscg@mail.austasia.net or Darryl at d_medley@hotmail.com Our homepage site is:

<http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Village/5188/>
We meet every third Tuesday night at Bethany Family Services building, Gibb Street, North Geelong, from 7:00 - 9:00pm. New icq# 8852103 Postal address: PO Box 388, Drysdale, Vic 3222.

Eastern Bisexual Support Group

For women over 25 years. Feeling isolated? Join this fun group for social outings, discussions, workshops, speakers. For details call Tania on (03) 9723 4274 and leave name and phone number. (ABN has had no contact with EBSG)

Franklin Centre

Initiative of the Australian Bisexual Men's Association. The GAMMA Project provides counseling and groups for bisexual and married gay men and their partners, training workshops for health and community professionals & volunteers, a resource library. Contact: The Franklin Centre, PO Box 223, Monte Albert, VIC 3127 or phone (03) 9890 1068 or GAMMALINE (03) 9899 0509. Email: gpnewst@vicnet.net.au <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~abma>

Tasmania

Hobart Bisexual Support Network

C/o TGLRG, GPO Box 1733, Hobart, TAS 7001. E-mail Myke Dobber at M_dobber@postoffice.utas.edu.au and for info on social events call Sally or Alan on (03) 6278 8721.

Australian Capital Territory

Canberra Region Bisexual Network (CRBN)

PO Box 458, Civic Square, ACT 2608

South Australia

Adelaide Bisexual Support Group (ABSG)

Organizes social events and meetings for bi and bi-friendly people. If you are interested please call Gillian on (08) 8395 0318 for details. E-mail: gevens@dove.net.au

Bi The Way is an online & hardcopy newsletter, with news and events for Adelaide's Bi community <http://www.box.net.au/~merlin/newsletter.html> E-mail Jason at merlon@box.net.au

Western Australia

Western Australian Bisexual Network (WABN)

PO Box 1167, Canning Vale, WA 6155 E-mail: numbers@wantree.com.au

Perth Bisexual Women's Group (BiWim)

Bisexual women's social support group E-mail Paula at: photogal@highway1.com.au or write to PO Box 8369, Stirling Business Centre, Western Australia 6849

Northern Territory

KATHCON

KATHCON is a new group forming for bisexual people in the Katherine region of the NT. Write to Peter, c/- KATHCON, PO Box 417 Katherine, NT 0851

Other Bi Resources

OzBi - E-mail list for Australian Bisexuals & friends. To subscribe, send the command: **subscribe ozbi** to majordomo@queer.org.au (leave subject line blank). To send E-mail message to list: ozbi@queer.org.au

OzSpouse-Support - E-mail list for straight Spouses and their bisexual, lesbian, gay or transgender spouses. To Subscribe, send the command: **subscribe OzSpouse-Support** to majordomo@queer.org.au This is a closed list where only members can post and see messages.

POEM: I WISH YOU.....

When you're lonely, I wish you love. When you're down, I wish you joy.
When you're troubled, I wish you peace. When things are complicated, I wish you simple beauty.
When things are chaotic, I wish you inner silence. When things look empty, I wish you hope.

Bisexual Women's Contact Newsletter
PO Box 221, Budgewoi, NSW 2262

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Contact newsletter for women who love women.
PO Box 357 Rozelle NSW 2039

Pen Search Worldwide

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Correspondence Club

Pen search has 1500+ members from 90+ countries Worldwide. Our members are Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual and we have been operating since 1988. Our main aim is to bridge the gap between Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual people Worldwide, and to form true and lasting friendships. We are a non-profit organisation. For free info please write to: Pen Search, PO Box 1103, Eastwood, New South Wales, 2122, Australia. E-mail: stevensp@tpgi.com.au

Spouse Support Lists Update

The new info should read:

The Spouse Support Mailing List (SSML)

SSML is an Internet mailing list for straight spouses and their bisexual, gay, or lesbian partners who are trying to keep their marriages intact and for keeping the relationship positive for those couples who are separating and divorcing. The List also includes couples where one is bisexual and the other gay or lesbian and where both are bisexual and working through issues in their relationship. Membership is confidential.

TO SUBSCRIBE: Send an E-mail message to: Majordomo@mailinglist.net or visit our webpage at <http://www.mailinglist.net/ssml>

The first (not subject) line of the message should be: sub ssml or sub ssml-digest

E-mail questions concerning SSML to: MGRSSML@MailingList.net

The new info for STR8S should read:

The STR8S Mailing List (STR8S)

The STR8S Mailing List is an Internet mailing list for straight spouses of bisexual, gay or lesbian partners who are trying to keep their marriages intact and for keeping the relationship positive for those couples who are separating and divorcing.



The Str8s List is not moderated; it is a closed list so that only straight spouses will be members. The subscription list is private.

TO SUBSCRIBE: Send an mail message to:

Majordomo@mailinglist.net or visit our webpage at: <http://www.mailinglist.net/str8s>

The first (not subject) line of the message should be: sub str8 or sub str8s-digest

E-mail questions concerning STR8S to:

MGRSTR8S@MailingList.net

The new list is SOTTS and should be listed like this:

The SOTTS Mailing List (SOTTS)

The SOTTS Mailing List is an Internet mailing list for bisexual, gay, or lesbian partners in mixed orientation relationships who are trying to keep their marriages intact and for keeping the relationship positive for those couples who are separating or divorcing.

The SOTTS List is not moderated; it is a closed list so that only lesbigay spouses will be members. The subscription list is private.

TO SUBSCRIBE: Send a mail message to:

Majordomo@mailinglist.net or visit our webpage at: <http://www.mailinglist.net/sotss>

The first (not subject) line of the message should be: sub sotss or sub sotss-digest

E-mail questions concerning SOTTS to:

MGRSOTTS@MailingList.net

Jewish Bi E-Mail List

Biachad - an E-mail list for Jewish Bisexuals and their admirers. Since the inception of the bisexual movement, very little attention has been paid to the development of a 'Jewish bisexual' identity. With this list, we are bringing Judaism and bisexuality together to see if the two can co-exist. Simply send mail to: majordomo@byz.org In the body of the message just write the following: subscribe biachad (your e-mail address) Once we get your request, we'll send you more info.

Shalom,

Adam & Paulette

INSPIRATION:

MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB

By Billy Burden

Some days I get tired of fighting it all, The more I seem to try, the more I fall. And as I study my accomplishments in review, I realize they've been rather few. No wonder I ask myself, "Why struggle today?" "Why not give up?" That's the easy way. But the universe's architect, in His infinite plan, Designed a challenge to make a man a man. The stumbling blocks of life He placed in our way, Are merely stairsteps to success each day. So when I feel like quitting next time, Let me remember, God made MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE

BI WOMAN 28, independent, big-hearted, professional, easy-going, dreamer, loves playing tennis, walks on the beach, bottle off wine, good conversation, movies, travel and the natural pleasures of life. Love to hear from other women looking for lots of laughs and honest relationships. **Code SA-C1**

ADELAIDE SOUTHERN SUBURBS.

BISEXUAL WOMAN 32, Straight Male 35, seeks bisexual woman 18-35 for fun and friendship, long term if suited. Prefer slim, feminine, attractive and nationality. We are non-smokers, non-scene, healthy and attractive, believe sex should be fun. **Code SA-M4**

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NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW).

ALSTONVILLE (Far North Coast).

Bi Woman 22 years seeking a loving caring woman, interested in contacting other caring woman who are overweight. I enjoy outdoor life and looking for a woman from age 21 and over and over and must like cats. **Code NS-S1**

BATHURST (Central Mid West).

ATTRACTIVE COUPLE Bi woman & hetro guy seek Bi woman or couple for friendship and fun times, aged 18-35. Will travel for right person. All letters answered. **Code NS-S5**

CENTRAL COAST/SYDNEY

BI MAN with a strong appreciation and preference for women, but Bi, wanting to meet a Bi or Straight female. I'm keen to form a committed relationship with a woman who is spiritually inclined, open to the possibility of having a child, attractive, slim & possibly interested in meditation or personal growth. I'm 41, 6 feet tall, attractive, blue eyes, dark hair, beard, fit, well educated, spiritually inclined & leading a reasonably healthy lifestyle. I'm looking for someone with more similarities than differences. If this sounds worthy of exploration please write, photo would be appreciated. **Code NS-H6**

COOMA (South East Highlands).

FARMER 43, Snowy Mans. Area, non-scene Bi guy, fit seeking younger gay or bi guy, masculine, nice looking, slim person for friendship/relationship. A person who likes fishing, walking in the mountains, movies, having a drink in country pubs and quiet times on lovely old farm. **Code NS-C3**

NORTHER RIVERS, NSW.

BI GUY Active bi-guy seeks activity partners (m or f). I'm in my early 40s and married, so discretion essential. I'm easy going, friendly, honest and sincere. Interests: Travel, photography, creative writing, sport and uninhibited sex! Drop me a line to: robho@lis.net.au or **Code NS-H4**

HUNTER CALLEY NSW,

BI TRANSGENDERED WOMAN As a single Bi Transgendered woman, I get a bit lonely and sexually frustrated. I love adventure and romance, am into all sorts of things (read my homepage at <http://www.trl.com.au/pollychrome/entrance.htm>) and love sharing interests and time with friends, and I like making new friends this is not an ad for a sex partner (though I'd love that too) cause I really can't imagine me having sex with people I don't know, but I AM looking for new friends of both genders. If something develops, well hey, what a bonus! But if it doesn't, well I still have a friend. Hope to hear from you soon. **Code NS-S4**

LISMORE (Far North Coast).

GORGEOUS BISEXUAL 36, fit & passionate about life, seeking equally spirited & warm-hearted Bisexual(s) for friendship or more. Interests include: intelligent & inspiring conversation, the media, writing, honesty & meditation, genuine connection with people. Looking forward to your reply by mail. **Code NS-S1**

LISMORE (Far North Coast)

GAY GUY 42, good looking, fair, goatie, masculine, craftsman, lonely on property, 30 minutes from Lismore seeks Bi guys or masculine gays for sensual outlets and good company. Loves nudity, J/O sessions with slim smooth and masculine males. Also seek introduction to Bi with good looking understanding couple. Visitors from SE Queensland welcome. **Code NS-B5**

CONDOMS DO HAVE AN EXPIRY DATE

SYDNEY.

PROFESSIONAL M/F COUPLE both 28 yrs, she 5'7, large breasts, attractive intelligent, seek; intelligent, attractive, open minded bi female, 20-30 years in the inner city - Sydney region to satisfy females sexual desires and fantasies with another woman. Female is very bi and very frustrated in the lack of f/f sex. First timers welcome. Threesomes considered. Females only please!

E-mail to: lesko@real.net.au

SYDNEY.

BI GUY cute looking, very slim young guy, 182cm, brown hair, blue eyes, love beach, snow, movies and cafes. I'm gentle, intelligent, looking for Bi woman for friendship or relationship. Prefer under 40 years, like me. Would consider a couple. **Code NS-P4**

SYDNEY.

BI GUY 27, dreamer, genuine, passionate, romantic, looking for man/woman for F/R/Ship 23-30. Someone to share adventures of life, laughter, intimate moments and happiness! Photo appreciated, ALA. Pen Pals most welcome. **Code NS-L1**

SYDNEY

BI GUY quite attractive, early to mid 20's, seeks same. Looking for friendship, and an opportunity to explore the higher side of the Kinsay Scale (eg. A guy). Must be somebody who enjoys life, is positive thinking and not afraid to express true feelings and beliefs. **Code NS-S3**

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QUEENSLAND (QLD).**BRISBANE**

BI LADY married, slim, attractive, 43, seeks similar active Bi or Bi curious lady for intimacy and adventures. No couples please. **Code QD-K6**

BRISBANE

ATTRACTIVE FEMININE BI ASIAN LADY Seeking pretty feminine woman, 25 to 40 yrs for fun & exciting relationship, no couples please. **Code QD-C9**

BRISBANE

BI-CURIOUS WOMAN 22 yrs, would like to meet a bi woman or lesbian to help me explore female love and intimacy. ALA. **Code QD-T6**

BRISBANE

BI WOMAN I'm attractive 33.9 stone, 5'4". I'm seeking a bi woman, preferably single to join in fun times and excitement within my marriage. Age up to 45 years. **Code QD-B20**

BRISBANE

YOUNG COUPLE he 31, dark hair 5'8" into bodybuilding, she 30, long brunette hair, good body into lingerie and X-rated movies, social drinkers, non-smokers, seek similar guy for on-going casual fun times. **Code QD-Z1**

BRISBANE

BI LADY, STRAIGHT HUSBAND early 40's, slim & attractive, enjoy outdoors. Wish to meet Bi lady for friendship & outings. Both smokers and social drinkers. First ad. Limits respected. Kids okay. **Code QD-K5**

BRISBANE/IPSWICH

BI COUPLE early 30's seek Bi woman 25-40 yrs, mainly for female, male willing to participate if required. We are: female - 5'2", 56kg, male - 5'8", 85kg. We love fun, strictly casual & no strings, prefer day time contact, other times can be negotiated. Please send phone number, details and interests. **Code QD-F3**

BRISBANE

BI MALE tall, slim, good looking, 37 year old Bi male looking for a couple for fun & sexy times. Very outgoing. Prefer daytimes if possible. **Code QD-RZ1**

BRISBANE

BI COUPLE (M50, F43) looking for a bi-male to become part of a mutually satisfying 3-some. Must have a hassle free approach and NS. ALA. **Code QD-W9**

BRISBANE

BI FEMALE (43, size 10) looking for another bi-female for friendship and fun, sexy times. I am married and my husband would like to watch, but not necessarily to participate. **Code QD-W10**

BRISBANE/GOLD COAST

BI MALE 34 Yr BI MALE seeking COUPLES or BI MALES/LADIES for friendship & fun, who can enlighten me in all aspects of Bisexuality. I'm an Australian male, who is 170cm in height, 65 Kg in weight, of thin build & fair complexion with hazel coloured eyes & short brown hair. I enjoy nudity, exhibitionism & photography. Phone No./Photo/Email Address if possible would be muchly appreciated. **Code QD-H1 or Email: n0355780@onaustralia.com.au**

BRISBANE/PINE RIVERS

BI GUY 32, shy, artistic and romantic, spent a long time thinking I was exclusively gay. Seeking a bohemian woman of any age, (single or in a relationship), for friendship. Nothing sleazy. Please write. Anything is possible while Bowie lives. **Code QD-L8**

BRISBANE/SE QLD.

BI GUY 22 yrs old seeking Bi guy up to 25 yo for friendship or relationship. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, tanned skin & smooth medium build. Please send detailed letter with photo & phone number for quick reply.

Code QD-D10

**IF YOUR AD HAS BEEN MISSED OUT OUR APOLOGIES
PLEASE LET US KNOW SO IT WILL BE IN JUL/AUG ISSUE**

BRISBANE

GUY 31 muscular fit seeks young couple, Bi, 25-35 for first Bi experience. Must be understanding, safe sex only. I am honest, genuine, caring, non-smoker, social drinker, 5'8", 67kg. ALA **Code QD-R19**

BRISBANE BAYSIDE/CLEVELAND

MARRIED BI MALE 50's would like to meet a Bi man, Bi lady or Bi couple any gender mix, Wynnum to Cleveland or near by, a non-smoker and seeks same.

Code QD-K7

BRISBANE/GOLD COAST

BI GUY 31 years of age, 'warped' sense of humour, 175cm (5'7"), medium build, non-smoker, occasional drinker, seeks male, female, transsexual or couple for friendship first, then maybe more. I am not looking for a spouse, just friend(s) to get together with when it suits us both/all. I am easy-going, eager to please and love oral (both giving and receiving). Photo appreciated. ALA.

Code QD-A3

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GOLD COAST

GUY 37 yo slim discrete gay guy with bi tendencies seeks slim women or couple to 45 to introduce me to straight safe sex. **Code QD-B19**

STRADBROKE ISLAND

GUY seeks guy/s under 56, slim/med build who are into oral and anal sex & want love, f/ship, kiss, cuddle or just someone to write to. I'm a horny active 56 yo, slim/med build, av looks, 184cm, 93kg, SOH, I'm lonely & need to be wanted. Genuine Ad, write soon, ALA, phone number please, a photo would be nice. **Code QD-B16**

SUNSHINE BEACH

COUPLE Bi woman 40 yrs, straight husband 41 yrs, seeks Bi woman for long term f/ship, r/ship. We're an easy-going, fun loving couple who enjoy the outdoor life and all kinds of social outings. **Code QD-H9**

VICTORIA (VIC).

MELBOURNE

BI MALE 60, retired, clean, considerate, no hang-ups, non-smoker/drinker, good sense of humour, nudist, would like long term relationship with couple m/f or m/m of similar age. Interests range from classical music and art to books, talk and passionate sex. Northern suburbs but will travel to right people within Melbourne or even Peninsula. Have wife's approval but she does not wish to participate in sexual activities with others. **Code VI-S2**

TASMANIA (TAS).

HOBART

BI FEMALE I am a 27 year old bisexual female, married, hubby 49, three young children, have limited experience with females. I am seeking a friend and lover for me and husband. Genuine replies, photo & phone number if possible. All letters answered. **Code TA-F1**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (WA).

BUNBURY

SEEKING BI FRIENDS I'm 29 and happily married to a very understanding guy, I have 2 great kids and am currently balancing motherhood with the renovation of an old house and Uni. I would love to meet and/or correspond with other Bi women of any age, all replies answered. Email me: leicecra@altu.net.au or write quoting: **Code WA-O2**

COUNTRY WA

BI TRANSEXUAL seeking a Bi woman for friendship and relationship. I'm 35 yo, long dark hair, 164cm in height, a bisexual transsexual (pre-op M to F). NOTE: I'm plain and girl next-door-ish. Not into gay scene etc. I live quietly and discretely the simple country life with my chickens and garden (but visit Perth regularly). I'm seeking someone flexible minded who'll accept both my current (and future) anatomy. My interests include environmental issues, reading and science fiction. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker & not quite vegetarian. *I am a Bisexual transsexual, seeking - Bisexual woman.* **Code WA-Y1**

PERTH

BI WOMAN Hi, I'm a 21 yr old bifemale looking for a bi female also whose within the age range 18-25. If you like pub-crawling or just sitting by the beach to watch the sunset, as well as going for concerts and movies and catching a few games of very badly-played pool, then email me please at Astarte76@rocketmail.com Lesbians (androgynous or femme ones ONLY please...) may respond as well. **Code WA-Y1**

PERTH

YOUNG BI COUPLE wanting to meet Bi girls and guys or a couple where one or both are Bi. We are looking for a friendship as well as an ongoing relationship. **Code WA-Z1**

OVERSEAS (OS)

EUROPE

MUNICH, GERMANY.

GAY GUY 43y, German-Indian. Int'l. bureaucrat living near Munich/Germany, iso of v. discreet, v. str-t-acting, active Professional Australian or NZ-lander (other GWMs welcome too), for friendship and mutual visits. Possibly more if we both want it. No age bar. Can host and expect same. Have varied interests, am well read and erudite, w. charming smile and nice looks. Write responses w. photo to: **Rebonto GUHA, Bahnhofspatz 5/#49,85737 ISMANING, Germany.** Tels: (+49.89) 96201227, home / 32006-475, office. E-mail: rguha@eso.org

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NEVER SHARE SEX TOYS, VIBRATORS, ETC.
NEVER SHARE NEEDLES OR SYRINGES.**

NICOSIA, CYPRUS.

BI GUY 53y, Greek Professional, unattached top, in search of mature (in mind) Aus Bi male to discuss bi matters, become friends and may be lovers, exchange visits (I can host, will U?). Look at my homestead (under construction) and e-mail me, Dinos, at adonis212cy@geocities.com No games please.

SWINDON, ENGLAND

ATTRACTIVE BI GUY 30yo, 6 feet tall with dark hair and living in England, wishes to make new friends and correspond with Bi males/females up to 35 in Australia. Had experience of gay scene in Brisbane, interests include Aussie soaps, travel, radio and sports/beach clothes.

Code OS-W1

AMERICAS.

HOLGUIN, CUBA.

BISEXUAL GUY Cuban, black, 33 years, 1.70 cm, 60kg, university student, love music, sports, movies, languages. Looking for friends (bisexual) to start a friendship and... **Pedro Julio Ochoa Gonzalez, Calle 6 N - 92 entre 21y23, La Quinta, Holguin, 80 900 CUBA.**

TULSA, OKLAHOMA, USA.

BI GUY 5ft 8 in, dark hair, brown eyes, 150 pounds, Native American, Cherokee - Peoria tribes, into safe sex, play tennis, go to concerts, lift weights sometimes. Want to exchange photos and make new friends that want to make it with me, prefer blondes, will answer all. **Everett Cheshewalla, PO Box 642, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101 - 0642, USA.**

ASIA

MALANG, INDONESIA

GUY Chinese, 25 yo, 167 cm tall, 50kg, likes touring, correspondence, plays, camping, singing & reading. I would like to get many gay/bi friends in Australia, please write. My name is **Kristanko Linardi, jl. Simpang Borobudur 11/10, Malang 65142, East Java, Indonesia.**

MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES.

BISEXUAL MAN 26 years old, outdoor lover (scuba diver, swimmer and mountaineer) lean and muscular seeks males up to 40 for friendship and possible visits. I like traveling a lot and now I am considering a trip to Australia next year so it would be nice to know people there. Also would like to share thoughts and experiences about bisexuality. Write to **Daniel M. Ocampo**: mailing address: **54 Olive Street, SSS Village, Marikina, 1811 Metro Manila, The Philippines.**

HONG KONG

BI MALE tall dark bi male would like to meet women, transsexuals or couples for mutual sensual pleasures the oriental way that brings one to ecstasy. Please write first instance, thanks. **Code OS-K1**

AFRICA

SUNYANI, GHANA.

PARTNER WANTED - CUTE GHANAIAN LAD, boyish looks, really nice guy, 21 attractive with a solid, smooth chocolate body coming soon, wishes to meet university lecturer or partner for platonic relationship. Genuine relationship, no time wasters. **Prince Antwi, PO Box 596, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - WEST AFRICA**

SUNYANI, GHANA.

GAY PALS WANTED good looking Ghanaian black guy, 22 years old, fit slim, with wicked body seeks that special man for true and stable relationship. Why don't we meet in '97, this year. All letters answered. **Emmanuel K. Annor, PO Box 250, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - W/A**

JOKE: A representative for a condom company was on her way to an international condom convention. While rushing through the airport, she dropped her briefcase carrying her samples, scattering condoms across the floor. She noticed passersby looking at her as she tried to get the condoms back into her briefcase. "It's okay," she said. "I'm going to a convention."

SUNYANI, GHANA.

YOUNG LOOKING GHANAIA BOY, who wishes to have an honest friend for ever lasting one, if yes, write to me. Let's give love a chance. It has been my wish for a long time to have contact with Australians. **Frank Barnie, PO Box 337, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - W/A**

PENPALS - we have more Cuban bisexual guys and two Bi women, 1 Spanish guy, one bi woman from Malta and another 2 guys from Ghana looking for Aussie friends, write to ABN for details.

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EVERYONE READ THIS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRACTICE SAFER SEX WITH ALL PARTNERS. THAT MEANS USING A CLEAN CONDOM WITH EACH PARTNER FOR BOTH VAGINAL AND ANAL INTERCOURSE. THE NUMBER OF WOMEN BECOMING INFECTED WITH HIV IS INCREASING IN AUSTRALIA WITH NOTABLE RISES RECENTLY IN NSW & WA, SO PLEASE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION BUT THAT OF YOUR PARTNERS. ORAL SEX DOES POSE A RISK FOR TRANSMITTED OF SEVERAL SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES & HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE MEANS OF TRANSMISSION IN A SMALL NUMBER OF CASES OF HIV INFECTION OVERSEAS. HERPES, HEP. B, GONORRHOEA ARE SOME OF THE INFECTIONS THAT ARE TRANSMITTED ORALLY. WORRIED THEN USE CONDOMS AND/OR DAMS OR SEEK FURTHER ADVICE FROM YOUR HEALTH OR AIDS COUNCIL STAFF. FOR DIGITAL PENETRATION (FINGERING) OF VAGINA OR ANUS USE CLEAN LATEX GLOVES OR CONDOMS WITH EACH PARTNER AND NEVER SHARE DILDOS, VIBRATORS, ETC. TRY TWO OR MORE CONDOMS ON VIBRATORS REMOVING THE TOP ONE BEFORE EACH NEW PENETRATION. USE CLEAN GLOVES FOR FISTING. IF YOU INJECT, NEVER SHARE NEEDLES AND SYRINGES WITH ANY OTHER PERSON. ALWAYS USE A NEW CLEAN NEEDLE AND OTHER GEAR. WE CARE ABOUT YOU. PLEASE DON'T PLACE YOURSELF, LOVED ONES AND OTHERS AT RISK BECAUSE OF IGNORANCE, FEAR, LUST OR BEING OUT OF IT.

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TIME OUT

Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

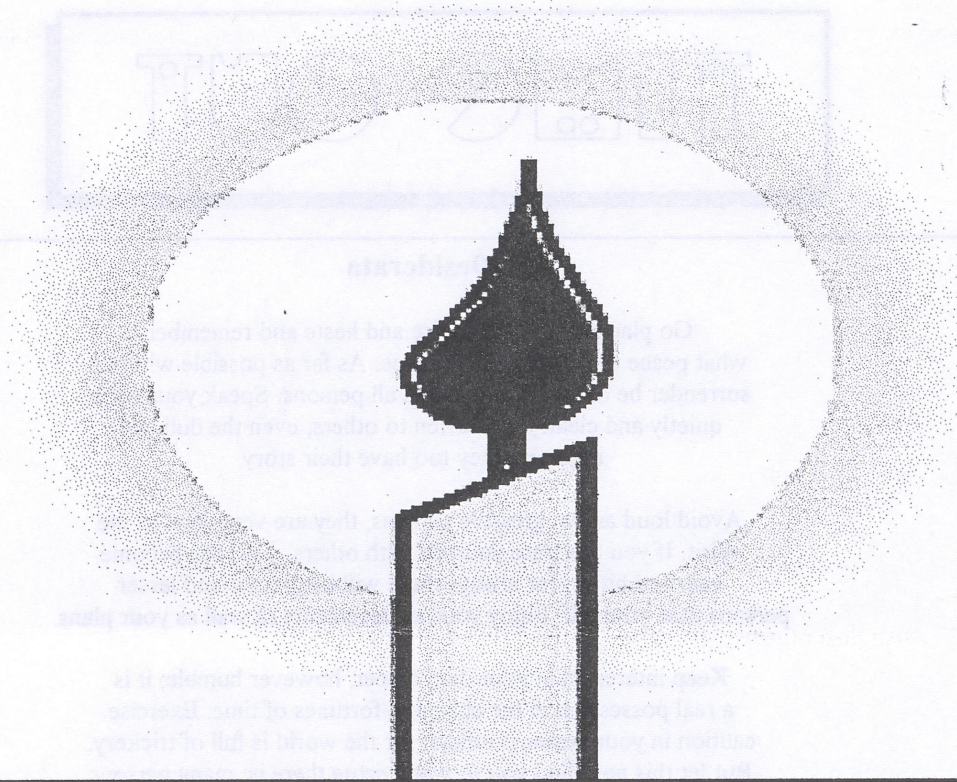
Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

Found at old St Pauls Church Baltimore, dated 1692.



This page has been created to give you a time out break from your life's work, we hope you enjoy it & it becomes a regular feature in the *Biways*. Only from your feedback, will this be possible. However it is here in this issue, so enjoy it.



*Let us not forget all of those who
have passed on unfortunately due
to that all time enemy, HIV/AIDS.*

The CandleLight Vigil. 30th of May, 1998.

Check the Brisbane Social Events on page 12 for details.



This Day Is Mine

Please may I use it well.



This is the day that belongs to me, for it was given to me early in the morning, freely and without obligation. The moment that I accepted the gift, I accepted the responsibility for it's growth. I received it in good condition, fresh and clean, and now that it is mine, I can choose what kind of day it will become. I can make it ugly by deciding to be miserable, or I can make it beautiful by deciding to be glad.

This is the day to be happy. I know I can be just as contented as I wish to be. Above all, I can find contemptment now, instead of thinking it necessary to wait for some uncertain future pleasure.

This is the day to be free, to cut the bonds of all those tomorrows and all those yesterdays. I would be unwise to waste any part of today in useless guilt or distress about a yesterday, or in pointless worry or panic about tomorrow. This is the day to treat life as a great adventure and each moment of it as a satisfying, rewarding experience. Since I have but one chance at today, I want to live it fully, and I want to live it well. I hope that I will handle myself in such a manner that when today becomes yesterday my memories will be pleasant, and when tomorrow becomes today, my regrets will be few. On this day, I do not want to indulge in crippling selfish emotions such as anger, hatred, and fear; I want instead to seek their opposites.

This is the day to be thankful, for some pains removed and some blessings received; to translate my gratitude from mere words into cheerful, wholehearted achievement.

This is the day to promise myself that I am going to build my world with gladness and with love - right now - because this is the only day that belongs to me.

by Gillian Jones

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- ☐ I/We wish to become a financial member/s of the Australian Bisexual Network. In applying for full membership, I/we accept the aims and objectives of the Australian Bisexual Network. I/We understand that this membership entitles me/us to full voting rights and a subscription to National Biways Magazine for 12 months from the date of this application.
- ☐ On behalf of my organisation, service, group or club, we wish to become a associate member of the Australian Bisexual Network. As an official representative of my organisation, I accept on behalf of that organisation, the aims and objectives of the the Australian Bisexual Network. I understand that this associate membership entitles my organisation to a subscription to National Biways Magazine for 12 months and any other entitlements so bestowed by ABN, from the date of this application.
- ☐ I reside in a developing or 3rd world country and wish to register for FREE magazine, information & support.

Please tick the relevant box/boxes:

- ☐ \$10 youth under 21 or disadvantaged concessional rate.
- ☐ \$15 student, pension or other concessional rate.
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- ☐ \$25 Australian organisation, service, group or club rate.
- ☐ \$30 overseas rate (we are now able to accept foreign cheques).
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